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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of record selection for selecting multiple non-contiguous groups of contiguous record entries, the method comprising the steps of:
displaying at least one of a plurality of record entries on a display in line-item form;
selecting a first contiguous group of the record entries, the selecting comprising:
selecting a first record entry of the first contiguous group of the record entries, the
selecting the first record entry comprising:
marking a first start point on the first record entry by recognizing only a
contact point on said display upon which physical contact is made with said
display and marking a first start point on a first record entry; and
recognizing the a contiguous displacement of said contact point on said
display horizontally across said first record entry to a first end point;
determining if a first distance between said first start point and said first end point
exceeds a distance delta; and
automatically selecting said first record entry provided said first distance exceeds
said distance delta;
recognizing a contiguous displacement of said contact point to a second record
entry, said contact point continuing through as many contiguous record entries as
displayed on said display between said first and said second record entries,

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automatically selecting the first contiguous group of record entries comprising the first record entry, the second record entry, and any contiguous ones of the record entries as displayed therebetween;

after performing the selecting of the first contiguous group of the record entries, selecting a second contiguous group of the record entries, the second contiguous group of the record entries being non-contiguous to the first contiguous group of the record entries, the selecting of the second contiguous group of the record entries comprising:

selecting a third record entry of a second contiguous group of the record entries, the selecting the third record entry comprising:

marking a second start point on the third record entry by recognizing only a second contact point on said display upon which physical contact is made with said display, the third record entry being non-contiguous to the first group of contiguous record entries, and

recognizing a contiguous displacement of said second contact point on said display horizontally across said third record entry to a second end point;

recognizing a contiguous displacement of said second contact point to a fourth record entry, said second contact point continuing through as many contiguous record entries as displayed on said display between said third and said fourth record entries, and

automatically selecting the second contiguous group of record entries comprising the third record entry, the fourth record entry, and any contiguous ones of the record entries as displayed therebetween, wherein the second contiguous group of ones of the record entries is non-contiguous to the first contiguous group of ones of the record entries.

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2. (Original) A method as described in Claim 1, wherein said first start point is located to the left of said first end point as displayed upon said display.

3. (Original) A method as described in Claim 1, wherein said first start point is located to the right of said first end point as displayed upon said display.

4. (Original) A method as described in Claim 1, wherein said contact point is made by putting a stylus down on said display.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended)) A method as described in Claim [[5]] 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ displaying in reverse video format the selection of said first record entry in line-item form.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim [[8]] 1, wherein said second start point is located to the left of said ~~third~~ second end point as displayed upon said display.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method of record selection for selecting non-contiguous record entries, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

displaying ~~at least one of~~ a plurality of record entries in line-item form on a display;

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recognizing only pressure captured on a digitizer marking a first start point on a first record entry, ~~said first start point located to the left side of said first record entry as displayed in line item form on said display;~~

recognizing ~~the~~ a contiguous displacement of said pressure horizontally across said first record entry, ~~from left to right,~~ to a first end point;

~~determining if a first distance between said first start point and said first end point exceeds a distance delta; and~~

automatically selecting said first record entry ~~provided said first distance exceeds said distance delta;~~

recognizing only pressure captured on a digitizer marking a second start point on a second record entry, the second record entry being non-contiguous to the first record entry;

recognizing a contiguous displacement of said pressure horizontally across said second record entry to a second end point; and

automatically selecting said second record entry in addition to the already selected first record entry.

13. (Original) A method as described in Claim 12, wherein said pressure is made by putting a stylus down on said display.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim 12, said method further comprising ~~the further steps of:~~

after performing the recognizing of the contiguous displacement of said pressure horizontally across said first record entry to a first end point, recognizing ~~the~~ a contiguous displacement of said pressure on said display to a ~~second~~ third record entry, said pressure continuing through ~~as many~~ any contiguous ones of the record entries between said first and said

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third ~~second~~ record entries, forming a first contiguous group of record entries comprising said first and said third ~~second~~ record entries and ~~all~~ any of the contiguous ones of the record entries as displayed on said display therebetween ~~between said first and second record entries~~; and

automatically selecting each of the record entries of said first contiguous group of record entries beyond said first record entry as said pressure touches each respective one of the record entries of said first contiguous group of record entries including said ~~second~~ third record entry.

15. (Currently Amended) A method as described in Claim 14, said method comprising ~~the further steps of:~~

recognizing ~~the~~ an absence of said pressure marking a ~~second~~ third end point located at said ~~second~~ third record entry; the third end point marking an end of the first contiguous group of record entries.

~~recognizing said pressure captured on said digitizer marking a second start point on a third record entry, said second start point located to the left side of said third record entry as displayed on said display;~~

~~recognizing the contiguous displacement of said pressure horizontally across said third record entry, from left to right, to a third end point;~~

~~determining if a second distance between said second start point and said third end point exceeds said distance delta; and~~

~~automatically selecting said third record entry provided said second distance exceeds said distance delta.~~

16-17. (Canceled)

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18. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising a processor, a memory ~~unit~~, a display screen and a digitizer, wherein said memory includes ~~contains~~ instructions that when executed implement a method of record selection comprising ~~the steps of:~~

displaying at least one of a plurality of record entries on a display in line-item form;

selecting a first contiguous group of the record entries, the selecting comprising:

selecting a first record entry of the first contiguous group of the record entries, the

selecting the first record entry comprising:

marking a first start point on the first record entry by recognizing only a

contact point on said display upon which physical contact is made with said

display and marking a first start point on a first record entry; and

recognizing the a contiguous displacement of said contact point on said

display horizontally across said first record entry to a first end point;

determining if a first distance between said first start point and said first end point

exceeds a distance delta; and

automatically selecting said first record entry provided said first distance exceeds

said distance delta;

recognizing a contiguous displacement of said contact point to a second record

entry, said contact point continuing through as many contiguous record entries as

displayed on said display between said first and said second record entries,

automatically selecting the first contiguous group of record entries comprising the

first record entry, the second record entry, and any contiguous ones of the record entries

as displayed therebetween;

after performing the selecting of the first contiguous group of the record entries, selecting

a second contiguous group of the record entries, the second contiguous group of the record

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entries being non-contiguous to the first contiguous group of the record entries, the selecting of the second contiguous group of the record entries comprising:

selecting a third record entry of a second contiguous group of the record entries,
the selecting the third record entry comprising:

marking a second start point on the third record entry by recognizing only
a second contact point on said display upon which physical contact is made with
said display, the third record entry being non-contiguous to the first group of
record entries, and

recognizing a contiguous displacement of said second contact point on
said display horizontally across said third record entry to a second end point;
recognizing a contiguous displacement of said second contact point to a fourth
record entry, said second contact point continuing through as many contiguous record
entries as displayed on said display between said third and said fourth record entries, and
automatically selecting the second contiguous group of record entries comprising
the third record entry, the fourth record entry, and any contiguous ones of the record
entries as displayed therebetween, wherein the second contiguous group of ones of the
record entries is non-contiguous to the first contiguous group of ones of the record
entries.

19. (Original) A computer system as described in Claim 18, wherein said first start point is located to the left of said first end point as displayed upon said display, said first start point located outside text associated with said first record entry.

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20. (Original) A computer system as described in Claim 18, wherein said first start point is located to the right of said first end point as displayed upon said display, said first start point located outside text associated with said first record entry.

21. (Original) A computer system as described in Claim 18, wherein said contact point is made by putting a stylus down on said display.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled) A computer system as described in Claim ~~[[22]]~~ 12, further comprising ~~the~~ ~~step of~~ displaying in reverse video format the selection of said first record entry in line-item form.

24-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A computer system as described in Claim ~~[[25]]~~ 12, wherein said second start point is located to the left of said ~~third~~ second end point as displayed upon said display.

27-28. (Canceled)